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REMARKS

Responsive to the Examiner's Action of April 20, 2004, Applicant has rewritten the claims in accordance with the Examiner's comments to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejection of the claims and to more clearly define the invention.

The principal reference to Council teaches a non-hostage security vehicle adapted to prevent unauthorized entry thereinto which has a base with an electrically conductive frame and an insulated platform on the frame and may be propelled and steered. The cage defines a security chamber over the platform and has an open electrically conductive framework and see-through panels. The see-through panels are bullet-proof glass. The Council patent is combined with the Baldine '986 and the Aghnides patents and the Madden, Jr. patent and the Baldine '393 patent.

The Baldine '986 patent is a braking and steering control mechanism for a one-man armored tank in which the tank has a mounted armament but is driven by a prime mover driving a fluid transmission to move an endless track. The Aghnides patent is a motor vehicle useful as an army tractor and combat vehicle which can be used on land but has sufficient inherent buoyancy that it will float on water and can be propelled through the water. This

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is essentially a large ball having a gimbaled center portion which includes a compartment having a driving motor and a seat for an individual but also has a gun mounted thereto.

The Madden, Jr. patent is a removable apparatus for vehicles and provides a bulletproof or bullet-resistant protection for occupants of a vehicle and which is removably installed in a vehicle and includes a transparent panel mounted adjacent to the front seat of the vehicle which also includes a flexible curtain secured thereto. The curtain is made of layers of fibrous material, such as a woven Kevlar cloth.

The Baldine '393 patent is a cushion for a one-man armored tank and is similar to the Baldine '986 patent with the improvement of a pad adapted to be positioned within the tank for comfortably supporting the operator in a reclined position for control of the steering mechanism of the tank and the armament mounted thereto.

The Chaires patent is a portable bulletproof shield having a configuration which deflects small arms fire. The Austrian patent is for a wheeled cannon having a retractable overhead curtain. The Italian patent is a wheeled bulletproof shield. The New York Tribune Article is for a German variation of the tank for use as a sniping post and provides a shield for a soldier. The Zevuluni et al. patent is a mobile maneuverable crowd control shield or security post having a protective shield about the height of a

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person and has a roof and at least one port hole. The shield is mounted on a mobile platform. The Kropf patent is an armored vehicle that functions as a protective enclosure permitting occupants to approach armed individuals with reduced risk of harm to the occupants.

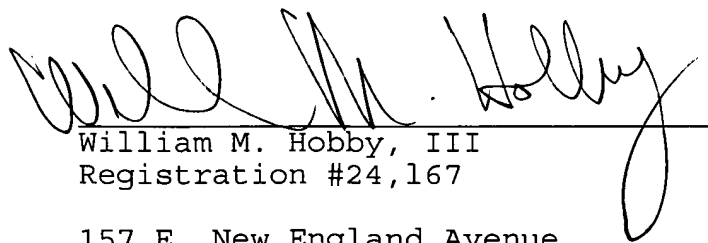
The present invention is directed towards a mobile bulletproof personnel shield which has a frame on a pair of large wheels which can be maneuvered by an individual using the shield. The frame has a bullet resistant window mounted therein and is covered with a flexible ballistic shield fabric material, such as woven Kevlar, removably attached to the frame. This allows a bullet or fragment hitting the bullet resistant flexible shield material to move in dissipating the energy from the projectile, protecting the individual occupant from the impact of the projectile. A movable gun mount is mounted to the frame adjacent the window mounted therein and has a gun having a barrel removably mounted thereto with the barrel extending through an opening in the front of the flexible shield material to allow a person to move the gunfire shield while the occupant is protected from gun fire. A flexible bullet-resistant shield material is also placed around the bottom of the base to protect the wheels from gun fire and the occupant from a ricocheting projectile.

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The claims have been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection and also to further define the invention which is believed to distinguish over the prior art as has been indicated by the Examiner. The prior art does not teach the elements of the independent claims nor of the dependent claims and it would be unobvious to combine the references without a teaching reference and without Applicant's specifications as a guide. Any such combination would require taking a basic reference of a non-hostage vehicle and combining a variety of components from different types of vehicles, such as a one-man armored tank, and could be an unobvious combination. It is believed that the claims, as rewritten, would be unobvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art in view of the cited references.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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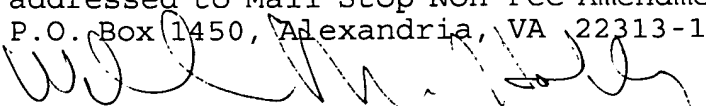
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